

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

**"A DATA ENCRYPTION ENCIPHERING METHOD[[],] AND ASSOCIATED**  
**CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED COMPONENT"**

Please add the following new paragraph immediately after the title appearing on page 1.

This disclosure is based upon French Application No. 02/09475, filed July 26, 2002, and International Application No. PCT/FR2003/002364, filed July 25, 2003, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please add on a new line the following at page 1, line 6:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please add the following Abstract: